



**Ajai Chowdhry**  
**Founder, HCL**  
**Chairman, HCL Infosystems**

Mr. Ajai Chowdhry, one of the six founder members of HCL began an exciting journey three decades ago with a dream to give India its very own microcomputer. Mr. Ajai Chowdhry has been a key force in driving the growth of HCL. He led the foundation of HCL's overseas operations, starting with Singapore in 1980s and later expanded to the other South Asian Markets. Mr. Chowdhry has also been a key force in driving the growth of HCL Infosystems, the flagship company of the group.

Mr. Ajai Chowdhry has constantly added newer and cutting-edge technology skills to the company's portfolio and under his able leadership several pioneering projects like foraying into IT retail, creating an extensive Systems Integration business and driving a vision of "IT for the masses" was successfully driven.

Gifted with a pedant sense of entrepreneurship, Mr. Ajai Chowdhry has been enlisted among '**India's Most Powerful Brand Builders**' and **has been adjudged among 'India Inc's Most Powerful CEOs' by The Economic Times**. In 2011, the honourable President of India conferred Mr Ajai Chowdhry with the prestigious **Padma Bhushan**, one of the highest civilian honours, as recognition of his consistent contribution in building the IT industry of the nation. In cognizance of his key role in championing the cause of the domestic Indian IT market, Mr. Ajai Chowdhry has been awarded the '**Electronics Man of the year by ELCINA-EFY for the year 2010**'. He has also been conferred the **Honoris Causa Doctorate of Science (D. Sc.) in the year 2010** by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee and also been honoured with the **CNBC Asia Business Award 2010 for the Viewers Choice category**,. More recently, he was bestowed with the "**India Innovator of the Year Award**" by Honorable Finance Minister, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee at the 6th edition of the CNBC TV18 India Business Leader Awards 2010.

Mr. Ajai Chowdhry has a bachelor's degree in electronics and communication engineering, and attended the Executive Programme at the School of Business Administration at the University of Michigan, US. Mr. Ajai Chowdhry is an avid reader and fond of Jazz and fine arts. He and his wife Kunkun live in New Delhi and have also created a Charitable Trust called 'Swayam' which is committed to provide education support to deserving children of various HCL employees who cannot afford good education.